

TUROSS HEAD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC. Members Meeting MINUTES
04 June 2024 – Club Tuross, TUROSS HEAD 2537. MEETING OPENED: 2:00pm

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Gary Smith (President), Arn Sprogis, Tom Webster, Chris McLennan.

Committee Apologies: Max Castle, John Tilbrook.

Members present and Apologies: as per sign-on register.

1. Welcome

The President opened the meeting and thanked those who had attended the first file search for retrospective historical information held recently at Kyla Park Hall (Faye, Leonie, June, Max & Gary). This search revealed that the Association had commenced in 1947, not 1949, and as such the planned 75th Anniversary event was now cancelled. He also recommended that members read last week's Newsletter re revised meeting times and the cancellation of the July Members meeting.

The next Members meeting will be held in August then the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in September. Gary also reiterated the arrangements and past decisions of the Association to cease meetings at Kyla Park Hall and move these to Club Tuross. The members again agreed by a show of hands to continue at Club Tuross. He also explained that the Association continues its rental arrangements with Eurobodalla Council as the hall provides storage for the Association's files and equipment. Gary also thanked the Club Tuross management who provide the current meeting venue and refreshments.

Gary again requested that members consider offering their assistance to the existing Committee members to fulfil a long list of administrative duties that required attention if the Association is to continue its operations beyond this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM). Since February this year the positions of Treasurer and Secretary remain un-filled – two crucial roles that ensure the Association maintains its legal responsibilities.

2. Project Updates

i. Coopers Island and Sandy Point. (Gary Smith on behalf of Max Castle):

Gary provided a brief update in Max's absence.

He reported that the State member is holding ongoing negotiations with the owners of Coopers Island as regards public access to the Crown lands and perhaps a public fishing platform. Eurobodalla Council (EC) is conducting further research into the feasibility of new disabled access facilities at Sandy Point following the discovery of new indigenous artifacts. It is possible that an alternative site might have to be considered.

General Business

i. Administration Coordination:

Gary restated the urgent need for members to volunteer for vacant positions. This was discussed at length at the last Committee meeting and the Committee suggested that without members filling these roles there is an immediate need for the Association to engage the services of a professional from the local community who would be employed by the Association to fulfil a revision of, and set up systems for, all current administration functions. He asked the members present for authorisation to do this and a lengthy discussion ensued. The membership present agreed (with one abstention) the Committee should seek the services of a professional to conduct an administration review and approved financial outlay up to the amount of \$5000.00 for this task. The Committee will proceed to set up this action prior to the AGM.

ii. Eurobodalla Council Review of Environmental Plan.

June Brown mentioned that the Council is currently undertaking a review of its Environmental Plan and that it was open for consultation for a 6 week window. Of particular concern is a potential revision of the existing "Tuross Head Grazing Lands" provisions. Past members of the Tuross Head Preservation Group - who were present - gave a brief history of past Council attempts to re-zone the lands for residential development. The grazing lands currently hold a Heritage Listing in Perpetuity through until 2028.

ii. Eurobodalla Council Review of Environmental Plan (continued).

Raymond Brown volunteered to attend the Council's consultations and report back to the membership. Arn Sprogis mentioned that there is an ongoing need for scrutiny of the Council's decisions regarding property purchases/re-zoning etc. Gary mentioned previous sales of public land by EC. Members suggested this should be something the Association is following. Tom Webster (Chair of the Infrastructure Sub-Committee) agreed that this task would fall into his project area and called for a volunteer to fulfil this monitoring role.

iii. Community Networking.

Arn suggested that in the absence of our membership fulfilling this role, a potential future project of the Association could be fostering links with other community groups who pursue issues of concern to our Association. e.g: Tuross Lakes Preservation Group (TLPG); and the Tuross Head Community Garden Group. A sub-Committee could be established to network with like-minded groups to work in collaboration with these groups to progress common issues.

There was discussion regarding Kyla Hall Committee amalgamating with THPA – Steve Smith to consider.

iv. Membership.

A suggestion was made from the members for a membership drive in the lead-up to the AGM, since the existing membership could not fulfil required tasks – a lengthy discussion ensued once again.

Evelyn Ashcroft had presented marketing ideas to the Committee e.g: more younger members via social media and a better website. There was an offer for Evelyn to join a sub-Committee with Tom.

The idea of buying a laptop was presented – this will be considered after the revision of THPA processes is complete which is anticipated to provide simpler maintenance of paperwork for members.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 06 August 2024, commencing at 2:00pm at Club Tuross.

MEETING CLOSED: 3.20pm.